are preserved for a time that the seeds may germinate in the midst of them. A soil is being pulverized for the support of a new and a better life. In this world there are evidences of God's haired of evil; there are also proofs of his disposition to mercy and grace. The human mind has ever been prone to fancy that this world is yet to be the theatre of great events, in which all the perfections of God's character are to be displayed. Tradition has delighted to converse, and poetry to sing, of a golden age as the commencing one in our world's history; and both have fondly looked forward to a time when all tilings are to be re-stored to their primal purity. But tradition retains only such portion of the truth as recommends itself to the principles of the human heart, and true poetry ever sings in accordance with the native feelings; and surely philosophy should not pour contempt on those high expectations which form the noblest aspirations of human nature,, and which we may suppose God would not have allowed to remain, if there is to be no means of gratifying them.

God seems to have departed from our world: but as if to prove his remaining interest in it, he hath left a train of light behind. We do feel as if there were light lingering upon our world, like that which rests upon the earth in the darkest hour of a summer's night, left by a sun which has set, but which may yet appear, or sent before by a sun soon to arise. Even when our fears do most harass us, we discover tokens for good. We see, it is true, no sun as yet appearing above the horizon ; but on the earth itself, on some of its higher elevations, on some of its in ore prominent peaks rising up from among the darkest shadows, or on some of the clouds which overhang it, we discover a kindling light, which seems to show that there is a glorious luminary yet to rise, and that our earth is to be visited by a

brighter and more glorious era.

Some persons may be inclined to argue, that we could never have discovered these trutlm from nature alone without the aid of revelation. With such parties we are not inclined to enter into a contest. Provided their statements be sufficiently guarded, we may probably agree with them, and may at the same time, and with perfect consistency, maintain, that though there is a difficulty in interpreting nature these are the very truths which nature teach OH, Let it be granted that the writing inscribed on the works of God is not very clear, still the letters are there, and start